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At a meeting of the Lancaster County Historical Society, held the fourth day of December, 1908, it was resolved and unanimously carried that the sub-committee of the Executive Committee should compare a complete list of the papers and articles read before this Society, from its incorporation to the present time, to be presented in the current pamphlet for the benefit and guidance of the members, and particularly enable them to ascertain in a convenient form the subjects which have been discussed, so that there may be no duplication of papers and subjects heretofore written up.

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Sub-committee.

December 9, 1908.

Minutes of December Meeting.

Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 4, 1908.

The monthly meeting of the Lancaster County Historical Society was held this (Friday) evening in the usual place of meeting, the Smith Library Building. The attendance of members was only fair, the inclement weather probably interfering. President Steinman presided.

The name of Mrs. Maude D. Hager, of Marietta, was proposed for membership, and the application will be acted upon at the next meeting.

The donations reported by Librarian Sener were as follows:

Nineteen miscellaneous pamphlets and seven old newspapers, W. U. Henzel, Esq.; Yule Marble Pamphlet, Hon. J.P. McCaskey; Penn's Greene Country Towns, Rev. S. F. Hotchkin, Bustleton, Philadelphia; programme of the Pennsylvania-German Society's banquet and meeting, held on November 6th last, in Lancaster, S. M. Sener; seven volumes of the sixth series of the Pennsylvania State Archives, Hon. T. L. Montgomery, State Librarian, Harrisburg; Pennsylvania-German Magazine, November, 1908; bulletin of the New York Public Library, November, 1908; "The Old School and the New," Louis Richards, Reading.

The usual thanks were extended the donors.

Attention was called to the recent fire in the Lebanon County Court House, when the Lebanon County Historical Society suffered a loss, and, on motion, an expression of sympathy for the loss and inconvenience sustained

by the sister society was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Eshleman brought up the matter of having an index or list made of the titles of all articles that have been read before the Society since its organization. Recently, there has been matter duplicated, and it was with the idea of acquainting the members with the subjects that have been handled, so that there will be no repetition, that the suggestion was made. The matter was referred to the sub-committee of the Executive Committee, with instructions to prepare the index.

D. B. Landis read a letter which he had received from H. M. M. Richards, of Lebanon, Secretary of the Pennsylvania-German Society, expressing thanks to the Lancaster members of the society for the splendid entertainment accorded the delegates.

This was the meeting night for the nomination of officers, to be elected in January, and the following were named: President, George Steinman; Vice Presidents, F. R. Diffenderffer and Dr. Joseph H. Dubbs; Secretary, Charles B. Hollinger; Librarian, Samuel M. Sener; Treasurer, Dr. J. W. Houston; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Martha B. Clark; Executive Committee, A. K. Hostetter, Richard M. Reilly, Esq., W. U. Hensel, Esq., George F. K. Erisman, D. B. Landis, H. Frank Eshleman, Esq., Mrs. Sarah B. Carpenter, Monroe B. Hirsh, Chas. T. Steigerwalt and Miss Lottie M. Bausman.

Miss Clark called attention to the fact that the annual dues are payable at the January meeting. They should be paid directly to Miss Clark.

The question of sending delegates to the meeting of the State Federation of Historical Societies, which will be held at Harrisburg, January 7, was

brought up, and, on motion, the following were elected to represent the local society: President Steinman, Vice Presidents Dubbs and Diffenderfer, Secretary Hostetter, Librarian Sener, Treasurer Houston, Miss Clark, the Corresponding Secretary, and C. B. Hollinger.

The society then adjourned to meet on Friday evening, January 8.

